

Meeting Minutes

STATE BOARD OF BUILDING REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS

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A meeting of the Board of Building Regulations and Standards was held at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 10, 2008 @ the National Guard Armory in Wellesley, MA.

PRESENT

Alexander (Sandy) MacLeod (SM), Vice-Chairman-Registered Architect

Rob Anderson (RA) -Chief of Inspections- Buildings

Brian Gale (BG) -Building Official from a Town

Keith Hoyle (KH) -Head of a Local Fire Department

Timothee Rodrique (TR) -Designee for the State Fire Marshal

Stanley Shuman (SS) -General Contractor of Commercial/Industrial Buildings

ABSENT

Gary Moccia (GM), Chairman -Registered Professional Engineer (Structural)

Harry Smith (HS) -One- and Two-Family Homebuilders

Vacant Position -Registered Professional Engineer (Mechanical)

Vacant Position -Building Official from a City

Vacant Position -Representative of Building Trades

Tom Riley (TMR) of the Board staff were present as well as others as indicated on the attendance sheets, which are on file at the Board. The official minutes are located on digital electronic file at J:\DPM_Files\BBRS - Public Hearing\ BBRS_Minutes_06_10_08.DSS

MOTIONS, SECONDS, VOTES, and ACTIONS

Subject	Motion by	Second by	Board Approval Vote	Action Item	Owner	Time Stamp*
Old Business						
1.Meeting Minutes: SM called the meeting to order and the minutes of May 20, 2008 BBRS meeting approved with the last sentence of New Business Item No. 5 struck out.	TR	KH	yes	Make change and upload minutes to DPS Website	MSG	2:27
2.1&2 Family Sprinkler Committee: Next Meeting is Thursday June 12, 2008						
3. BBRS Vote of code change Table 106 Fees	TR	KH	yes			2:34
4. BBRS Vote on H-Use Inspections to Table this code change. Following the vote there was BBRS discussion on this H-Use inspection topic and several ideas and concerns were voiced on what this process may involve.	KH	BG	yes			2:37
5. BBRS Vote of code changes to Chapter 13	BG	SH	Yes			2:44

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6. BBRS Vote on code changes to Chapter 53. TR noted reference to an article in the Boston Globe about increased construction costs in High Wind zones as a result of 7 th edition based on IRC 2003. He also noted that this is in contrast to the ICC position against sprinklering of 1&2 Family Dwellings. P. Moriarty noted some of the misconceptions that are circulating as a result of this article.	SS	BG	Yes			2:45
7. BBRS Vote on code changes to Chapter 53 (balusters)	TR	KH	Yes			2:53
8. BBRS Vote on code changes to Chapter 61	BG	SS	Yes			2:53
9. BBRS Vote on code changes to Appendix 120.Y	TR	KH	Yes			2:55
10. BBRS Vote to table code change to Appendix 120AA	TR	KH	Yes			2:55
11. BBRS Vote on code changes to Regulation 1	TR	KH	Yes			2:56
12. BBRS Vote on code changes to Regulation 2	TR	KH	Yes			2:56
13. BBRS Vote on code changes to Regulation 4	TR	KH	Yes			2:56
New Business						
1. Approve new construction supervisor licenses: 307 issued between May 16, 2008 and June 5, 2008.	KH	BG	Yes			2:57
2. Issue Building Official Use Only CSL: Keith Fox CSL #065044 (TR voted against approval)	BG	KH	Yes			2:57
3. Reinstate CSL exceeding one year expiration period. Ralph Edward Murphy CSL #025121 with medical justification	TR	SS	Yes	Forward to C. Merchant for reinstatement.	MSG	3:03
4. National Recovery Alliance and MA Recovery Alliance and reciprocity of licensing: RA gave background on the subject and noted that in a situation where a state of emergency is declared then the issue of licensing does not arise. However, MRA is reaching out to licensing boards to recognize certain other state licenses in emergencies. SM and TR suggested that Todd Grossman look at the legal issues associated with this including, but not limited to, license holders from other states working in a reciprocal license capacity beyond the time of a declared state of emergency, for example. Also the BBRS suggested that Myles Brown attend a BBRS meeting to discuss the details of this proposal.						2:58
5. Vote requested to designate a new DPS employee, Tom Doherty, as a hearings officer on behalf of the BBRS	BG	KH	Yes			3:28
6. The board discussed the risk of fires to large wood buildings and the similarity of the fire damage that have occurred recently. A group will be formed to look at some of the issues associated with structures of this type including the one in Georgetown, where there was a fire incident similar to the one that occurred in Beverly. The Fire Marshal has asked for some input within 30 days.						3:15
7. The subject of availability of agendas was discussed. (The Agenda is posted to the DPS website usually the Friday, or at the latest the Monday, before the BBRS meeting...this was not noted at this meeting but added by MSG as the minutes of this meeting were written)						3:32
8. Vote to adjourn	KH	TR	Yes			3:34

*Time stamp indicates location on the digital recording the discussion took place.

Minutes taken by Tom Riley and written by Mike Guigli.